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These documents were cited during prosecution of copending parent application no. 09/345,501, filed July 1, 1999.

Japanese patent document number 11-143085 is discussed on page 10 of the subject specification.

Japanese patent document number 63-304257 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 4,902,899, copy also enclosed.


Japanese patent document number 11-143085 corresponds to European patent number 0 915 384 A2, copy also enclosed.

Applicant requests that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 Form be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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